



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: :

Bernard BELLEAU et al. : Group Art Unit: 1624

Serial No.: 10/073,116 : Examiner: Not yet assigned

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For: SUBSTITUTED-1,3-OXATHIOLANES AND SUBSTITUTED-1,3-DIOXOLANES WITH ANTIVIRAL PROPERTIES

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SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE TITLE:

At the top of page 1, please delete the prior title and insert therefor --Synthesis of Substituted 1,3-Dioxolanes and Substituted 1,3-Oxathiolanes with Antiviral Properties--.

In the Claims:

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Please cancel claims 1-3, 5, 8, 10-14, 20-31, 33, and 35.

Please add the following new claims:

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--38. In a method of preparing a nucleoside compound comprising coupling a sugar with a silylated purine or silylated pyrimidine compound whereby said nucleoside compound has a sugar moiety with an attached pyrimidin-1'-yl or purine-9'-yl base moiety, the improvement wherein:

coupling is performed in the presence of a Lewis acid,

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